GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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LICENSING POLICY OF PILOTS/ ENGINEERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current licensing policy of pilots and engineers need to be revised to allow absorption of quality manpower;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to review licensing policy of pilots/engineers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- The policy of licensing of pilots and engineers is revised from time to time to improve the quality of aviation personnel.

(b) and (c):- Government had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri M.K. Kaw, former Secretary (CA) to review the role and functions of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The Committee has made a number of recommendations on the licensing system of pilots and engineers. These include use of simulators for skill tests, adoption of international licensing system, introduction of courses on human factors etc. The Committee has also made several recommendations on improvements in training standards of pilots and engineers. The recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by the Government. In addition, DGCA has introduced proper ground training for pilots and specialised training for specific helicopter operations to improve the quality of pilots.